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Something to Bark About: Carmichael Library helps kids learn reading through 'Read to a Dog' programs

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Every Tuesday, about 25 children ranging in ages from five to 10 come to the Carmichael Library after school to work on their reading skills.

They're not reading to a librarian, or a tutor or a teacher. Instead, they're reading to one of the trained therapy dogs that calmly sits for an hour and lets the children read to them.

"It's really fun and the kids just love it," says Shelley Andrews, branch supervisor for the Carmichael Library. "Everybody enjoys it — the kids love it, the staff loves it because we love to see the dogs, the owners of the dogs love it, and of course the dogs love it with all the attention they're getting. It's just really fantastic."

Read to Rover

Carmichael Library began offering what they call the "Read to Rover" program back in 2007 when Carmichael resident Ellen Wildfeuer presented the idea to the library. A retired nurse, Wildfeuer knew of the benefits of pet therapy, and had a dog that had gone through the process of becoming a certified therapy dog.

To start the program, Wildfeuer used her connections to therapy dog associations to find

other volunteers to bring their therapy dogs to the program. Currently they have 13 teams of therapy dogs and handlers that rotate coming to the library each week, with at least seven of those teams coming every single week, she says. "In 2011, we donated almost 2,000 hours of volunteer time," Wildfeuer adds.

Carmichael Library is one of five branches of Sacramento Public Library that offers a "read to a dog" program. Another is Belle Cooleedge Library in Land Park, which has been offering their "Read to a Dog" program for about three years and is currently held the last Tuesday evening of each month, according to Youth Services Librarian Donna Zick.

Zick says they can have upwards to 30 children at each monthly session, who have the opportunity to read to one of five to 10 therapy dogs. She says the focus is on kids in grades kindergarten through fourth grade, "because we know now that's an important marker for kids' reading levels and we want them to be reading at that stage and want them to be fluent and comfortable with reading."

Belle Cooleedge's program is run by volunteers through Lend A Heart Lend A Hand Animal-Assisted Therapy. According to President Barbara Street, Lend A Heart began in 1987 and is an organization of volunteer therapy dogs,

Reading: Program available every Tuesday at Carmichael Library

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cats and rabbits and their handlers that serve hospitals, assisted living centers and memory care centers. Street says Lend A Heart had started a "Read to a Dog" program at Rancho Cordova Library nine years ago, and the success of that program caught the attention of Belle Cooleedge Library, who then her to start the program at their library.

Relaxed & Fun

So how does a program like this work?

At Belle Cooleedge Library, Street says the dogs are in large dog beds in a circle in the children's corner of the library. She says the hour normally starts with the children petting the dogs, then they select a book they want to read and a dog they want to read it to. "Sometimes two children will read to the same dog, sometimes they'll just rotate around the room or find the one dog that they really want to spend more time with," she adds.

A similar situation happens at Carmichael Library, where the therapy dogs and their handlers are in the library's community room. Andrews says once a child signs up for the session, they can select a book they would like to read or bring their own book, then sit down and read to a dog. Once they are finished, they can sign up again to read to another dog. "Many times they come in and read to two or three dogs," she adds.

And during this time, Zick says parents are able to sit by to watch or visit with other parents while their child is practicing their reading. "It's a very relaxed environment," she adds.

Learning Curve

Many parents may be asking how can a child improve their reading skills by reading to a dog?

First off, Street says it gives children an opportunity to practice their reading in a relaxed, non-classroom environment with a non-judgmental companion. "It's more of building that

really good feeling about reading and then being able to sit there and read out loud to a dog that doesn't care if you mispronounce word or is not judging you if you're reading too slow," she explains.

Wildfeuer agrees, and says this is a fun way for children who have difficulty reading to gain personal confidence. "It's an enhancement of how the children are learning to read in school in a less structured, more fun, atmosphere," she adds.

Zick says she has seen the positive impact of the program through a seven year old boy who when he came to his first program did not want to participate, saying he didn't feel he could read well and didn't like to read. "He was there the whole hour reading to the dogs, just completely engrossed in it," she recalls. "He had convinced himself he wasn't a good reader. Reading is just practice, so this is just another way to practice."

Although the children are there to read to the dogs, Wildfeuer says the

dog handlers are there to help if a child asks for it. "We'll tell the kids if they need help, let us know and we'll help them sound out a word," she adds.

Plus children who participate in the Read to a Dog program can also learn about how to properly behave around animals and how to be more comfortable around dogs, says Andrews. She says the therapy dogs range in sizes from little lap dogs to Great Pyrenees, so for some kids it takes a while for them to be comfortable around the larger dogs. "But they're all learning after they come for a while and they start feeling comfortable reading to the big dogs, so that's also a very positive part of it," Andrews says.

The Read to Rover program at Carmichael Library is held every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30pm. The Read to a Dog program at Belle Cooleedge Library is held the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30pm. For more information on these programs, visit www.saclibrary.org.

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"This guy's a natural," Mark Woodfork, the real-life television news director overseeing this school classroom's mock TV interview, said of Joey, who was playing the part of director.

Joey was happy to take on the important role. "I like to be in charge," he said, "and to make decisions."

Woodfork was one of five professionals who volunteered their time earlier this year at Del Paso Manor Elementary School for the school's first annual Career Day, designed to get sixth graders thinking about their educational and career paths.

The careers represented by the school's visitors spanned a wide range of professions: a florist, a mediator, a TV news director, a photographer and a chef.

Joey's dreams and passions?
"I want to be a video game creator, and I want to test them, too," he said. "I'm just inter-

ested in technology, and I have a lot of ideas for video games I want to do."

The day's event was spearheaded by teachers Karin Springer and Joann Darrow, who were inspired by this summer's District and communitywide book study of Creating Innovators, a work by education scholar Tony Wagner that explores the need to nurture children's creativity and imaginations.

The Del Paso Manor teachers were inspired to pass that message on to the school's students. In 40-minute sessions, professionals in the community – all of them relatives of students or teachers at the school – were asked not just to speak to students about what they do, but how collaboration and critical thinking are essential to their jobs, and how innovation and problem solving are part of their routines.

During a special kickoff assembly in the gym, students watched a video produced by Darrow, which featured Del Paso Manor students expressing their own aspirations and passions – everything from writing, science, cooking and engineering.

There was another surprise: Students received a personal e-mail from Wagner himself, congratulating the school on its efforts.

"You can be whatever you want to be in life," Springer told the sixth graders. "And we're excited to be able to help you get there."

Students also heard from Stacy Spector, director of professional learning and innovation for San Juan Unified, who implored kids to take the time to explore their many interests. She told students that, as a child, she dreamed of many future careers: ballerina, veterinarian and more.

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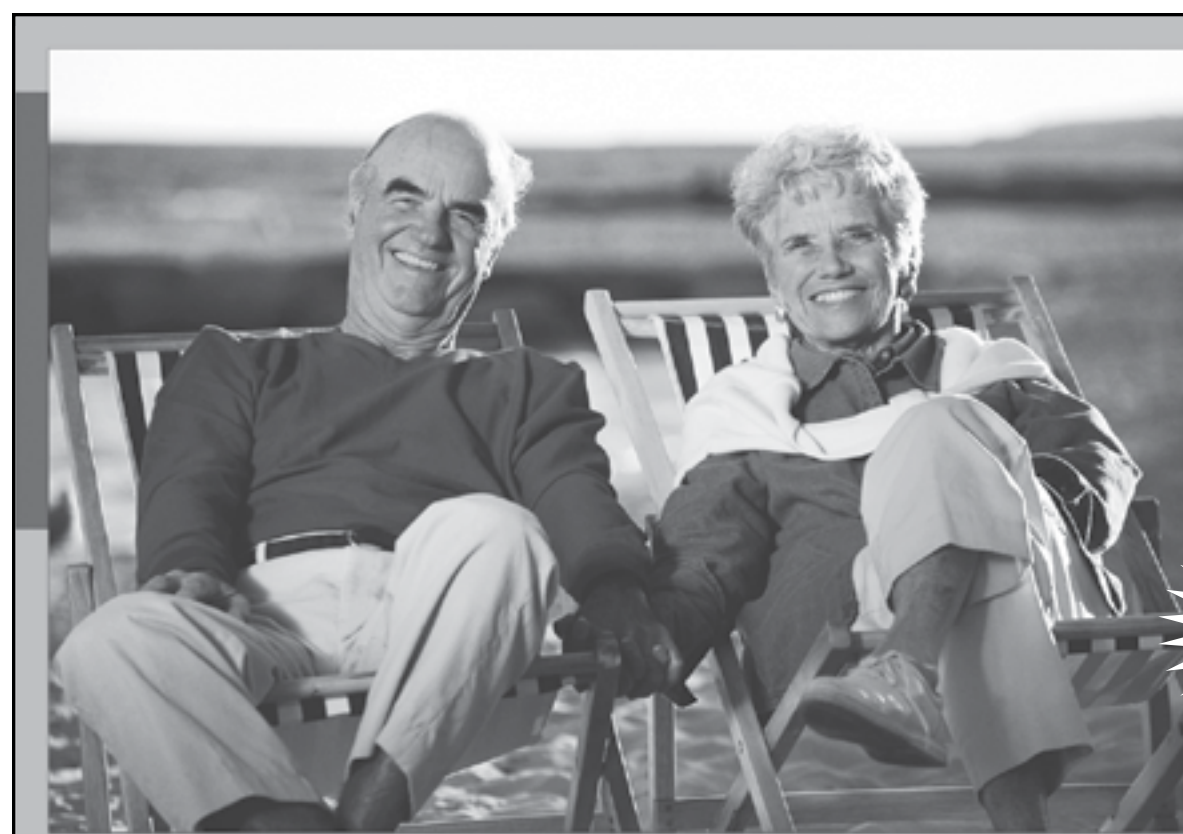
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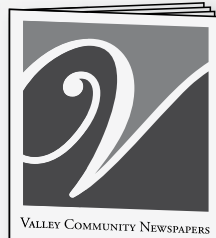
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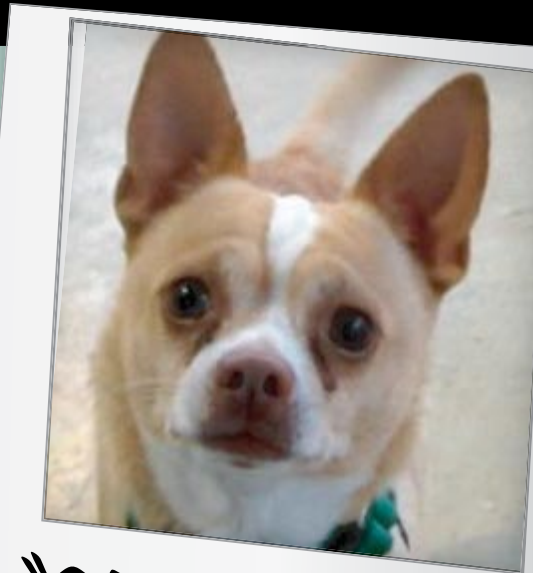


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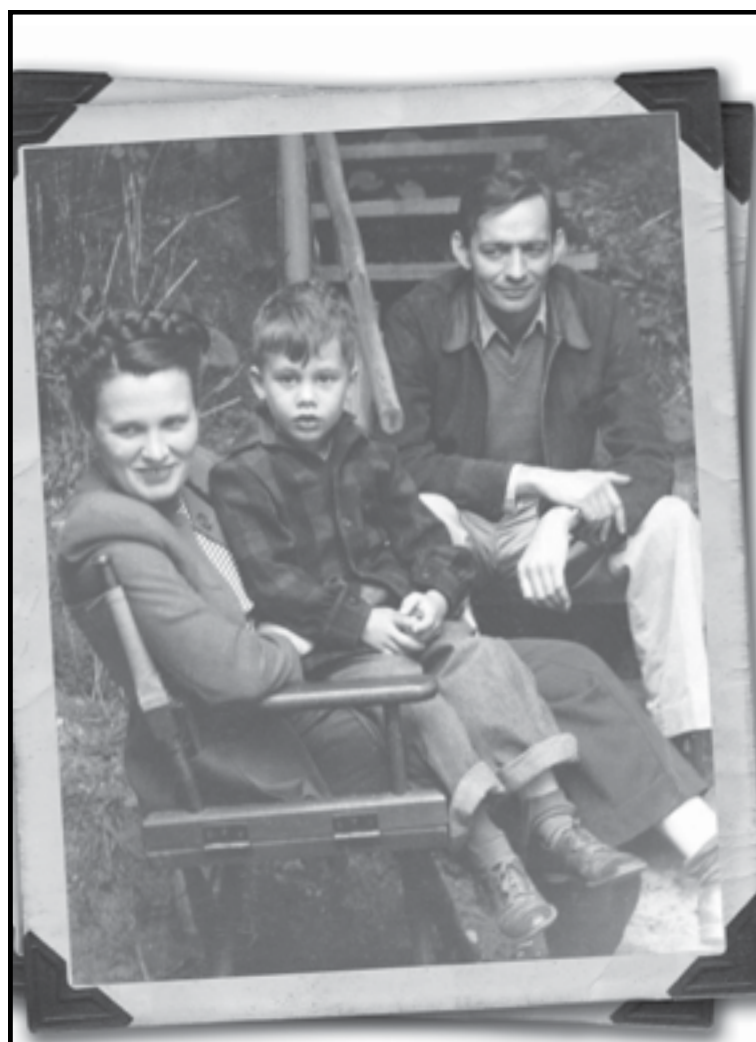
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you see the beauty, color and texture of the fabric, and recognize the way it impacts the emotional feeling of each piece. The element of design, simple lines, and purity of color have been influenced by my years as an elementary teacher. My love of nature and the beauty of flowers are continually seen in my colorful works of art.

Carol is a native-born Californian and a lover of nature. Although I was born in San Francisco I have lived in Sacramento most of my life and call this my home. I attended public schools and graduated with a degree in Art and a teaching credential from Sacramento State. After 33 years of teaching, I returned and returned to my passion full time. "The call of fabric" used as my tool, stretches my imagination to create my art. I have shown my work over

the past years in restaurants, art fairs, and galleries.

Carol's work can be seen at Artistic Edge Gallery from March 1-31 and Carol will be at the gallery on March 9 from 4-7 p.m.

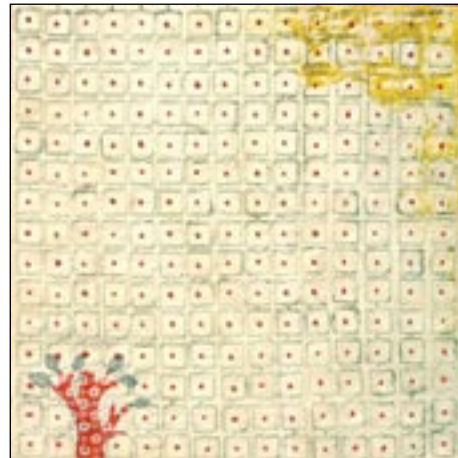
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Artist profile:
Linda Nunes

I work from the most rigorously honest place I can imagine, typically the thought process I'm breathing at the time. For now, that seems to include components of a very personal path of discovery. I'm thankful for this journey and to be moving forward. I'm thankful to be able to put these new-found truths into an art media that speaks to



"A Million Boxes: An Exaggeration" Encaustic on wood panel (12x12)

our ability to feel fear and loss, love and especially forgiveness. The work begins from a quiet place behind closed eyes that see and feel the pulse of each new piece. After that, I wait for the work to talk to me because I know it will. I find I have to be turned in to really hear. My current work surveys themes of faith, materialism, joy and recovery. One constant that seems to be in all my finished art is any overlying sense of the primitive or childlike quality. As always, my hope is that the work will evoke emotion in the soul of the viewer.

Linda lives in the Sacramento area with her husband and a very narcissistic cat. She's a mixed media artist with a Studio Art degree from Sac State and has been busy creating work for many years. This series is created with an encaustic medium of molten bee's wax and tree resin, a three thousand year

old process. The first accounts of encaustic use were by the Greeks who repaired and decorated their ships. A thousand years later, painters in Egypt began using it in funeral portraits. During the Modern Art era encaustic media were used by artists Diego Rivera and Jasper Johns, among others.

Denial is so much easier. But getting beneath the surface is where healing takes place.

My husband often says, "If you want the facts, ask me. But if you want a better story, ask my wife." Exaggeration has been my m.o. But I'm working on it.

Linda will be showing at Artistic Edge Gallery from Feb. 1 through March 31 and will be at the Gallery on Feb. 9 and March 9 from 4-7 p.m.

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Chautauqua Playhouse, in association with Celebration Arts, announces its production of "Driving Miss Daisy" by Alfred Uhry, opening on January 18th at the Playhouse. The show will run on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Feb. 23. There will be an additional Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. on Feb. 23. All performances will be held at the Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325 Engle Rd. in the La Sierra Community Center in Carmichael. Admission is \$19 general and \$17 students, seniors, children and SARTA members.

Winner of the 1988 Pulitzer Prize, *Driving Miss Daisy* tells the post-World War II story of a rich, sharp-tongued Jewish widow who meets her new black chauffeur. Over a series of absorbing scenes spanning

25 years, the two grow to have one of theatre's most unlikely friendships. This classic is filled with wit and wisdom, and explores the importance of tolerance and love. The show is produced in association with Celebration Arts and features James Wheatley as "Hoke", Janice Reade-Hoberg as "Miss Daisy" and Chris Lamb as "Booley".

The production is directed by James Wheatley. Set design is by Rodger Hoopman with lighting design by Don Myers.

The Chautauqua Playhouse is located at 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael.

Information and tickets are available through the Chautauqua Playhouse website: www.cplayhouse.org or call the box office at 489-7529, during business hours.



Photo courtesy From the left, Janice Reade Hoberg, James Wheatley. Chautauqua Playhouse in Carmichael announces the opening of "Driving Miss Daisy" by Alfred Uhry. The show opens on January 18th and runs for 6 weeks at the Playhouse.

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Palomino Room served community for more than 40 years

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's note: This is the ninth part of a series regarding the history of the "four corners" of Watt and El Camino avenues.

The northwest corner of Watt and El Camino avenues has been home to a wide variety of businesses throughout its history.

As presented in the last part of this series, Jack's House of Music was among this corner's most notable businesses.

This longtime popular shop, which operated at 2528 Yorktown Ave. from about 1956 to 2002, was originally part of a series of businesses of the Garden Rustic Shops.

This set of shops was named after one of the shops' businesses — the Garden Rustics & Nursery at 2520 Yorktown Ave.

A 1955 advertisement for Garden Rustics & Nursery, which was owned by Tom Russell, notes that the business offered seeds, shrubs and trees, fertilizers, insecticides, garden hardware, copper and brass items and pottery.

Garden Rustics & Nursery began operating in the north area in about the mid-1940s with its 2900 Fulton Ave. location.

Russell, who owned the aforementioned Yorktown and El Camino avenues property, became associated with a man named Ray Boroski (1924-1999) in 1954.

It was in that year that Russell rented a business space at 3405 El Camino Ave. to Ray for an appliance store.

Ray, an automobile mechanic by trade, came to California from Cleveland, Ohio with his wife, Stella (Plezia) Boroski, in 1946.

In about 1948, Ray, who then resided at 2305 I St., opened Master Motor Parts, a gas station and garage at 3417 Broadway in Oak Park. His original partner in the business was his brother, Fred W. Borowski, of 4224 T St., and Joseph W. Capra of 700 54th St. was later added to this partnership.

The spelling of the Borowski surname was only altered in Ray's family, as he dropped the "w" of this name while he was serving in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II.

Master Motor Parts, which relocated to the former location of a Safeway grocery store at 3409 Broadway in 1952, continued its operations at this latter location until 1956.



Photo courtesy of Boroski/Borosowski family
The Palomino Room, shown in this 1995 photograph, operated at 3405 El Camino Ave. from 1956 to 2000.

Under the sole proprietorship of Capra, Master Motor Parts later grew into a small chain of stores that experienced many years of success.

Stella, 87, said that she was not entirely fond of her husband's previous occupation, since he returned home each evening with greasy clothes and hands.

And she added that it was not Ray's ultimate dream to own an appliance store.

"There were no bars around the neighborhood (within the area of Watt and El Camino avenues) at all and (Ray) said a bar would be a good (business) to put in (that area), and when he set his mind to something, he made sure he got his way," Stella said. "My husband rented the (El Camino Avenue) building from Tom Russell, who owned it. In order to get a bar in there, you had to pass all kinds of city

ordinances. There was a Bible reading class across the street (near Rytina Laundromat at 2525 Yorktown Ave.) and they objected to a bar going in, so my husband opened an appliance store. In the meantime, he jumped hoops to get the bar going, and he finally got it in."

The bar, which was opened by Ray and his brother, Harry A. Borowski (1917-2000), on Monday, Aug. 6, 1956, was known as the Palomino Room.

Ray had recruited Harry to become a partner in the business, partially because Harry was the owner of a tavern in Cleveland and thus had experience as a bar owner. Harry's son, Fred Borowski, said that the Cleveland bar was known as the Tremend Club.

Although the Palomino Room opened primarily as a bar, many people remember the business as a place that served high quality lunches and dinners.

In commenting about this fact, Stella said, "The bar was first, but you had to serve food (in a bar) at that time. We served sandwiches and chili and things like that and then we went further. Prime rib was (later) our biggest seller, so we were noted for our prime rib."

A Palomino Room advertisement, which appeared in

Palomino: Establishment is now an Ethan Conrad property

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the Feb. 21, 1960 edition of *The Sacramento Union*, noted that its customers could also order steaks that were "tender, not tenderized."

Stella said that the Palomino Room began serving prime rib and other more elaborate entrées about a year after its opening. And hired to prepare this more elaborate food were Frank Russo, who worked at the restaurant for about 20 years, and Nick Jukich, who remained with the business until the late 1990s.

Another notable part of the Palomino Room's history was its live music performances.

The business, which seated about 45 people in its original dining room, included a piano bar, and one of the earliest pianists to entertain this establishment's guests on a regular basis was Dodd Baker.

Other pianists who later played at the Palomino Room were Ronnie Kemper, who was once a member of Dick Jurgens' band, Abe Barrat of San Francisco, and Randy Carmichael, one of the sons of the legendary jazz pianist, composer and singer, Hoagy Carmichael.

As for the name of the business itself, Ray's son, David Boroski, said, "The name came about, because at the time, in the north area, the sheriff's posse had a squadron of palomino horses and they were all bordered in the north area. My father thought that it would be a great idea to tie in the sheriff's palominos, which appeared in parades downtown and maybe even in some Tournament of Roses parades, with the restaurant."

Ferdinand Morant, 89, said that he enjoyed going to the Palomino Room during the 1960s.

"I first went (to the Palomino Room) in around 1965," Morant said. "We used to go in there with a group (for dinner) weekly, because of bowling. The Swiss (Helvetia Verein) lodge had a bowling league (at Country Club Lanes) at that time. They started in (about 1960) or something like that. The whole group liked to go in there to the Palomino Room. It was good food all the time there. They were known for good food."

Ray was also recognized as a good bowler with a very high average.

In addition to members of bowling leagues, members of various businesses, organizations and groups, including the Kiwanis Club of Sacramento Suburban, The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., Masonic lodges, attorneys and accountants also used the Palomino Room as a meeting place.

During its history, this business expanded to accommodate a greater number of guests.

Eventually the Palomino Room featured seating for about 60 patrons in its front room, seating for about 50 people in its Gold Room (aka "Gibson Girl Room" due to its various Gibson Girls prints that hung on its walls), about 125 to 150 people in its California Room (which had its own bar, dance floor and restrooms and was the site of weddings and receptions) and about 30 people in its Garden Room.

In 1973, Ray and Harry purchased Leonard's Liquor Shop at 3401 El Camino Ave. The business, which was then renamed the Palomino Bottle Shop, was previously owned by Clyde Leonard.

It was also in the early 1970s that Ray and Harry purchased



Photo courtesy of Boroski/Borosowski family photograph.
Left to right, Harry Borowski, David Boroski, Fred Borowski and Ray Boroski are shown at the Palomino Room in this 1980s photograph.

the entire corner of El Camino and Yorktown avenues. This property also included Jack's House of Music.

Fred and David took over the operation of the Palomino Room in 1982.

Six years later, the Palomino Room underwent a \$400,000 remodel, which gave the place a less western and more upscale appearance.

This remodel also included the elimination of the bottle shop, the Gold Room and

the Garden Room, which all became part of the Palomino Room's front room.

From 1999 to 2000, the building was leased to David Hinkle, who continued the operation of the Palomino Room.

And after a fire destroyed Jose's Mexican Restaurant at 5451 Fair Oaks Blvd., the restaurant, said former Jose's server Alan Boehle, operated at the old Palomino Room location for six months prior

to its closure in late December 2002.

Other businesses to occupy the site were V.I.P. seafood and sushi buffet restaurant, East Meets West steak and sushi buffet restaurant and Farmer's Daughter, a café and specialty food store.

In 2004, Fred and David sold the old Palomino Room building and its property, and its accompanying property and buildings to Ethan Conrad Properties.

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Sac State 'Renaissance Man' wins faculty award

Sacramento State Chemistry Professor James Ritchey is the 2013 recipient of the Andreoli Faculty Service Award. The honor was presented during the California State University Biotechnology Symposium, Jan. 3-5 at the Anaheim Marriott.

The honor recognizes a faculty member who has made outstanding contributions to the development of biotechnology programs in the 23-campus CSU system. Professor A. Andreoli (CSU Los Angeles) was committed to his students and believed the CSU has a special role to play in higher education

by providing opportunities to many nontraditional students who otherwise would have fewer options for advancement. Ritchey enjoys teaching and appreciates the fact that many of his students have been the first in their family to earn a college degree. "I was the first in mine to do so," he

says, "but was fortunate enough to receive scholarships. So many of my students are working, which makes it doubly difficult to keep up with their course work."

The professor is something of a Renaissance man. His major fields are biochemistry, chemistry, patent law and intellectual property law. His lecture and lab assignments have combined general, organic and biochemistry courses, and various upper-division biochemistry classes.

His book College Chemistry in the Laboratory is in its 10th edition.

Ritchey attended McGeorge School of Law at night, earned his degree and taught intellectual property law and patent law as an adjunct there for 15 years. He's currently a partner at the law firm of O'Banion & Ritchey LLP, which specializes in intellectual property law (patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets and



Professor James Ritchey.

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unfair competition) and related litigation and licensing matters. And he advises Sacramento State's University Enterprises Inc. on patent law.

"I enjoy doing different things, which is why I didn't concentrate on re-

search following my post-doctoral work at UC Berkeley," he says. As a National Institutes of Health scholar there from 1974 to 1977, he could have landed a position at one of the country's leading research universities.

"I came to Sacramento State because I wanted to teach," Ritchey says. And he has done just that for the last 35 years, except for a 12-month leave in 1985 to learn how to practice patent law at a leading firm in San Francisco.



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Jan. 10: Come join the Sacramento Walking Sticks Volkssport Club! Monthly meetings held every second Thursday at 7 p.m. SMUD Headquarters Bldg., Conference Center, 6201 S St., Sac. Those who wish to walk before the meeting, meet at Starbucks, 1420 65th St., Sac. At 5 p.m. to walk a 3-mile walk to CSUS campus & back. Barbara Nuss (916) 283-4650 or (916) 691-7618 or nussb@surewest.net. Also www.SacramentoWalkingSticks.org

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Jan. 11: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

Carmichael Chamber of Commerce presents M.V.J.

Jan. 11: The Chamber presents the Most Valuable Jerry 2013 person of the year awards dinner and fundraiser honoring former Carmichael resident and Sacramento Kings TV Analyst Jerry Reynolds for almost three decades of service to sport, broadcasting and community, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at La Sierra Community Center 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael. \$55 in advance, includes dinner, no host bar, raffle, silent auction. Meet celebrities and community leaders. Portions benefit Bev Angel's Project. 481-1002.

Riverside Elks 6 Crab and Shrimp Feast

Jan. 12: Crab and shrimp anti pasta, pasta, green salad, garlic bread, no host cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by dinner by 7 p.m. Huge raffle. Open to the public. Tickets available in the Lodge Office or call 422-6666. Credit cards accepted. \$45. 6446 Riverside Blvd. Sacramento. Proceeds go to the general fund.

Note card craft program for adults slated at Belle Cooledge Library

Jan. 12: The Sacramento Public Library will present a greeting card craft program for teens and adults at noon at its Belle Cooledge branch, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento. Participants will learn how to transform paper scraps into original art cards which they can send as "thank you" notes. Supplies will be provided. 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

Northern California Art by Fire 29th Annual Seconds Sale

Jan. 12: Purchase functional and decorative gifts from more than 25 clay, glass and metal artists from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. http://www.artbyfire.org and Facebook at Northern California Art by Fire.

Rachel Barton Pine to perform at Sacramento Philharmonic

Jan. 12: A virtuoso violinist, philanthropist, educator and music detective, Rachel Barton Pine has earned critical acclaim for her many recordings and orchestra performances around the world. Pine will perform with

the Sacramento Philharmonic, Michael Morgan conducting at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center Theater (1301 L St. Sacramento). Tickets are \$21 to \$117, to order tickets please visit sacphil.org or call 808-5181.

Run for Grant a Wish 5K Run or Walk

Jan. 13: Starting at 9 a.m. Run/Walk Site: Land Park, River Walk at Miller Park. Proceeds will benefit SGAW-Sacramento Grant a Wish Foundation. Registration fee only \$15 per person. Bonus: Each person/sponsor will be entered into a raffle to win a 60-minute massage and will receive a "I ran for (SGAW) Sacramento" Tumbler. Register at 752-9152 or email info@sacgrantawish.org

Fr Big Dreams, Small Shoulders

Jan. 13: Concert: Jan. 13, 3 p.m. multi-media musical, featuring Bibbs as The Docent Singer. Fr Big Dreams, Small Shoulders is a work on Norman Rockwell's painting of Ruby Bridges, the six-year old escorted into an all-white school by federal marshals in 1960. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., SAC. Cost: museum admission.

Last day for Christmas Tree Recycling

Jan. 14: The city also provides curbside holiday tree pickup. The last day trees can be placed out for pickup is 6 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 14. Trees should be clean of all lights, tinsel, decorations, and have no stand attached. Flocked trees will be accepted.

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